

LARGEST WARCRAFT VIET CONG HAD

Vietnamese Planes Sink Red Ship

SAIGON (UPI)—The Vietnamese air force bombed and sank a 100-foot Viet Cong warcraft 235 miles northeast of Saigon, a U.S. military spokesman reported today. It was the largest naval vessel the Viet Cong were known to have.

The steel ship—about the size of an American submarine chaser—was found moored and heavily camouflaged in a rocky cove on the coast between Nha Trang and Qui Nhon. Lt. James S. Bowers of Lyndonville, Vt., spotted it from his helicopter.

The Vietnamese navy dispatched an armed junk to the scene along with a light observation plane. Both encountered heavy fire from the Communist vessel and from shore batteries. Six Vietnamese Skyraiders were called in and sank the vessel. The action occurred Tuesday, the spokesman said.

Official figures released today by the U.S. military command said the Viet Cong killed and wounded more Americans last week than in the first two years of the American buildup in South Viet Nam.

The command said the toll was 35 Americans killed and 196 wounded in the seven days ending at midnight Saturday. Another American was missing. A newly revised report on last Wednesday's bombing of the Qui Nhon barracks will raise

the figure to 37 dead. In other Vietnamese developments:

—Diplomats returning from North Viet Nam said Soviet anti-aircraft missiles had been installed there during the past few days.

—Nationalist Chinese intelligence sources in Taipei said Red China had moved about 150 MIG17 jet fighter planes to within striking distance of Indochina.

Paris today for Washington. He was reported intending to try to sell President Johnson on President Charles de Gaulle's hopes to neutralize Indochina.

—Diplomatic activity continued throughout the major capitals. British Prime Minister Harold Wilson conferred with

U.S. Ambassador David Bruce in London; British Ambassador to Moscow Sir Humphrey Trevelyn conferred with Kremlin officials.

In 1961 and 1962, 32 Americans were killed and 80 wounded.

In the My Tho area 35 miles southwest of Saigon a "sizeable" force of Viet Cong attacked a government outpost and heavy fighting was reported continuing tonight. A military spokesman said "more than one battalion" of Communists were involved. A battalion

runs anywhere from 200 to 300 men. Initial reports said the government forces repulsed the attack with heavy casualties inflicted on the Viet Cong but details were sparse. The guerrillas

has struck shortly after 2 a.m. artillery fire awakened 100 U.S. soldiers in a billet two miles away but they were not involved in the battle.

In the first two hours of the engagement two defenders (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7)



Discussing The Crisis



Former President Eisenhower confers today in the White House with President Johnson. (UPI Telephoto)

Surprise Meeting At White House

LBJ Seeks Ike's Advice On Viet Nam

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson consulted today with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Viet Nam crisis and other world problems.

Following the unannounced meeting at the White House, Press Secretary George E. Reedy told reporters that the president had sought Eisenhower's advice on the tense Viet Nam situation.

Johnson in his last news conference Feb. 4 stressed that the basic U. S. commitment to help South Viet Nam defend its freedom was made 10 years ago when Eisenhower was president.

At the news conference, Johnson said: "I frequently observe to the people of this country that our basic commitment to Viet Nam was made in a statement 10 years ago by our president to the general effect that we would help the people of

Viet Nam help themselves."

A similar pledge was made by the late President John F. Kennedy.

Eisenhower went to the White House at Johnson's invitation after the five-star general had stopped at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here for a checkup.

The White House said the

two also discussed talks Eisenhower had with world leaders while in London for the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill.

White House Press Secretary George E. Reedy, when asked if Johnson sought advice from the five-star general on the troubled situation in South Viet Nam, replied:

"Yes, of course."

He said they talked generally about world problems.

Reedy said his impression was that Eisenhower had a "fairly routine checkup" at the Army hospital.

Reedy said he did not have a medical report but that Eisenhower "looked in awfully good health to me."

Eisenhower arrived at the White House about 10 a.m. EST. He was still with Johnson when Reedy conducted a regular briefing for newsmen about 11:30 a.m. EST.

The visit was arranged when Johnson learned that the ex-President was in Washington and invited him to visit the White House, Reedy said.

Newsmen at the White House first learned of the unscheduled conference when photographers (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

Burglars Get \$500 Hidden Under Rug

Keeping money hidden under the living room rug didn't draw interest for John A. Ross of 57 Russett Lane, Red Cedar Hill, Levittown.

In fact, Ross told Bristol Township police, the money was stolen yesterday afternoon.

Ross said he had five \$100 bills under the rug with a television set sitting on top of the rug.

When he came home at 6:30 p.m., Ross said he found "too many footprints on the rug."

In addition to the \$500 under the rug, Ross said the burglars took \$50 from a bedroom dresser drawer.

Patrolman Gerald Stenrich reported entry had been gained through the

garage after which the intruders forced open the kitchen door. The kitchen and bedroom had been ransacked.

Township police also are investigating the theft of \$175 from a wallet belonging to Richard Williams Jr., 30, of 731 Anderson Ave., Bristol Terrace.

Williams reported the theft at 12:30 a.m. today. He told police thieves had first gone to the rear of his home and tried to pry the screen off a living room window. Unsuccessful, the burglars went to the front of the building, police stated, and knocked out a hole in the front door glass to gain entry.

Williams said he had the wallet in a bureau drawer in the bedroom.

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Police Search Rome For 2 Terrorists

Blast Rips Windows; Pope Awakened

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Police searched Rome today for two terrorists who exploded a bomb in a doorway through the wall separating the Vatican from Rome. The incident was apparently linked to a Vatican-inspired ban against a play critical of the late Pope Pius XII.

The blast shattered windows

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in the barracks housing Pope Paul VI's famed Swiss guard, but there were no injuries.

The pontiff was asleep in his apartment in the apostolic palace 600 feet away when the bomb was detonated at 1:50 a.m. (7:50 p.m. Tuesday). The blast awakened him when the concussion shook the normally peaceful papal enclave.

A ranking source at the Vatican said the startled but unharmed Pope asked aides to bring him "immediate details" of what had happened. "When the holy father was told the damage was minor, he went back to sleep," the source said.

A spokesman for the Vatican police force said the incident

appeared to have been the work of Communist or other left-wing agitators protesting an edict barring productions of Jews in World War II.

The Deputy. The play criticizes Pope Pius for not openly condemning the Nazi massacres

of Jews in World War II.

Our readers express their views today. And on a variety of subjects.

It's the popular Letters to the Editor section. There's so many letters today that we have started them on Page 6 and they've overflowed to Page 7.

Mr. Editor: 'I...

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Good Evening!

Inside looking out — nearly like spring.

And, you know, it won't be long. Just 30 days until the Vernal Equinox.

Meantime, take an occasional glimpse at the nocturnal skies, still well silvered by a moon just two nights past being full. We say something about spring?

Well, we see by the paper that Russian Premier Kosygin "resolutely" demands a complete American retreat from South Vietnam.

We trust that Mr. Johnson, president of the United States of America, wastes no time with a reply similar to that memorable one — classic for its brevity — a certain General McAuliffe snapped at the Germans in response to a surrender demand at Bastogne December 18, 1944: "Nuts."

Quite a bizarre plot, that one to simultaneously blow up the Statue of Liberty, the Washington Monument and the Philadelphia Liberty Bell, uncovered by some pretty sharp work on the part of a young New York Negro policeman and taken from there by the FBI.

All right. Three Negroes, pro-Castro and pro-Chinese racial fanatics, and a blue-eyed Canadian blonde well known in United Nations social circles, are the seized suspects and let's trust justice in the interest of three cherished symbols of American liberty is swift and right.

This country's economy — and prosperity — rolling along at a most encouraging clip, but business and industrial people are starting to worry as well they might.

The concern, of course, is about steel negotiations halted for the United Steel Workers election and to remain halted, apparently, until the outcome of the fight between President David J. McDonald and his challenger, I. W. Abel, is decided. This may take many weeks.

April 30, the time when the current steel-USW contract expires, not too far away, really.

Secretaries are getting so independent these days that one recently told her boss to stop using words that caused him to complain about her spelling.

Conscience gets a lot of credit that should really belong to cold feet.

Early Rush Over At Revenue Office

Taxpayers Surprised, But They Cooperate

Taxpayers may be reluctant but those seeking assistance at the Bristol office of the Internal Revenue Service are cooperative — even when they learn they owe more or will receive a smaller refund than expected.

John Sidorsky, who spends five days a week at the local office helping taxpayers com-

plete their returns, said the early rush is over and that right now there is a bit of a lull. "Not that we're not busy," John hastens to add, "but there is no line of persons seeking assistance with their returns."

Just after the W2 forms were received, the office experienced quite a rush, Sidorsky said, as

it does every year when those expecting refunds get their returns filed promptly in hopes of getting their refund checks early.

Many Surprised

Many of those who expect a refund each year are somewhat surprised, Sidorsky said, when (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

Sailors Row Dinghy Thru Shark-Filled Waters

Dramatic Rescue For 6 Marooned On Island 1 Month

DARWIN, Australia (UPI)—A harrowing saga of survival was told by two sailors who rowed a leaking dinghy through shark-infested waters to get help for six comrades shipwrecked for nearly a month.

The group, including a woman and her 8-month-old baby, were marooned on a tiny uninhabited island off Australia's northern coast. They lived on a diet of oysters and mussels until finally rescued a week ago.

Details of the dramatic rescue were revealed today. The drama began last month when Robert Casey, 51, bought a 32-ton fishing boat named Dana Maria and set out from Darwin for Brisbane to put the vessel into prawn waters.

Traveling with Casey were Ian James, 35, his wife Dawn, 28, and their infant daughter, Tom Spradrov, 27, and William Pitt, 22, signed on as crewmen-passengers.

Four days out of Darwin off the Wesel Islands in the Arafura Sea, the ship was caught in heavy seas and near hurricane-force winds. It wallowed for more than a day.

The ship finally struck a reef and was abandoned. Pitt rowed Mrs. James and the baby 200 yards toward shore in the dinghy and the others swam.

"The dinghy had almost reached shore when it was swamped," Spradrov said. "Mrs. James and the baby managed to scramble ashore but Pitt was knocked unconscious. Casey dragged him ashore."

Once on land the party salvaged canvas for shelter and some water-logged flour, tea and potatoes from the ship stores. They also recovered a small supply of water and fishing tackle.

Spradrov said it rained constantly for the first three days and when the rain stopped intense heat, sandflies and mosquitoes proved even worse.

Snakes on the island, Spradrov said, "acted like they'd never seen people before. They came within a few feet of the camp."

The food supply was exhausted after four days. A few fish were caught with handlines. Spradrov said the baby thrived on a diet of mashed oysters.

Try For Help

About 10 days later — Spradrov said he lost track of time — he and Pitt decided to set out in the damaged dinghy to get help.

"We had lost all our fish-

hooks on the rocks and the diet was getting monotonous," Spradrov said. "I had a gun and managed to shoot a couple of birds but we could have been stranded there for months."

Pitt and Spradrov patched a hole in the 13-foot rowboat and pushed off, carrying three bottles of water and a sack of uncooked flour dough.

The two seamen said sharks were so thick and voracious

that they nipped at the oars. One man rowed, and the other stood guard with Spradrov's 22-caliber rifle.

Pitt and Spradrov reached Elcho Island 3½ days later,

then walked 35 miles to a Methodist mission station. A boat from the mission picked up the six survivors.

Casey said he plans to organize a group to go back to make repairs on the Dana Maria.

Longest Solo Flight

Mom Eyes Jet After Copter Record

"I don't really believe I'm here."

These were the first words Mrs. Gay Maher uttered as she stepped out of the helicopter she had just piloted coast-to-coast from Santa Monica, Calif. to the Flying W. Ranch in Medford, N.J. Earlier in the day Mrs. Maher had circled over the Atlantic Ocean to make the flight official. It is the longest solo helicopter flight by a woman.

Mrs. Maher, a mother of three children, said the trip had covered "a little over 3,000 miles" and took 11 days to complete. During the flight Mrs. Maher landed at the lowest airport in the United States, North Shore Airport south of Palm Springs, Calif. It is located 234 feet below sea level, and later soared to heights of more than 6,000 feet to cross a mountain range in Texas.

Decided To Fly

The trip, Mrs. Maher said, originated as a plan to ship the new Hughes 300 whirlbird from the factory in Culver City, Calif. to a buyer in New Jersey. The cost of shipping the 'copter by other means would have been more expensive so Mrs. Maher decided to fly the aircraft to the customer.

Mrs. Maher said she flew to the West Coast in a commercial



It was both cheers and happy birthday for Taunton Lakes flyer Mrs. Gay Maher when she landed at Flying W Ranch, Medford, N.J. yesterday after

a historic solo coast-to-coast helicopter flight. Greeting her mother are (from left) Nicky, Mike and Candy. (Courier-Times Photo)

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Tabulation Of Ballots Seen Delaying Steel Pact Talks

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—It appeared unlikely today that steel negotiations in the steel industry would resume before March because of a delay in the official tabulation of ballots in the United Steelworkers union (USW) elections.

The tally of votes cast in the elections Feb. 9 was scheduled to begin this weekend. This would have enabled an early resumption of negotiations be-

tween the union and the "big 11" steel producers.

However, Wayne Antrim, of Hammond, Ind., chairman of the union's three international tellers, said the USW would bow to precedent and begin counting ballots Monday.

The tabulation will take about four days and would stave off chances of scheduling contract talks this month.

The negotiations were re-

cessed Jan. 8 until after the elections. At that time it was believed the bargainers would meet again about mid-February.

The USW constitution provides that the election of officers every four years must be held the second Tuesday in February. Returns must be mailed to the international headquarters here within 10 days. In this instance it would be Friday.

Custom has decreed the official count be delayed until after the weekend.

Unofficial tabulations by UPI showed Secretary-Treasurer I. W. Abel ahead of incumbent President David J. McDonald by about 4,400 votes.

Antrim and fellow tellers, John Shipperbottom, of Hamilton, Ont., and Steve Caruso, of Lorain, Ohio, will tally the ballots. Supervising the count will be representatives of the Honest Ballot Association (HBA).

Twice the USW rejected a request by management to extend the current contract past the April 30 deadline to make up time lost by the six-week recess called for the elections.

Ranger-8 Launched To Photo Moon

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—The United States sent the Ranger-8 television probe on a 65-hour voyage toward the moon today to snap 4,000 more close-up pictures of possible astronaut lunar landing areas.

The 808-pound spacecraft was launched atop a 104-foot Atlas-Agena rocket at 12:05 p.m. EST in a fiery finale to a two-day nationally televised space spectacular designed to learn more about the moon and the hazards all men face in reaching it.

If all goes well, Ranger-8 will be directed toward the moon's Sea of Tranquility during a mid-course aiming maneuver early Thursday to see if the vast lunar plain is as smooth as another of the moon's dry seas photographed by Ranger-7 last July.

Scientists need Ranger-8's picture to help locate landing sites for a surveyor robot expected to be launched late this year and Project Apollo astronauts by 1970.

Ranger-8 first zipped into a 115-mile "parking" orbit around earth. Then, about eight minutes later, its Agena upper stage acted as a flying launch pad and gave the craft a planned 24,510-miles-per-hour kick toward the moon.

Scientists said it would be several hours before they could tell whether Ranger-8 was on the correct course to rendezvous with the moon.

If the complex guidance maneuvers are successful, the camera craft should complete its 234,000-mile S-shaped voyage early Saturday after flashing its pictures back to a Goldstone Calif., ground station.

The butterfly-shaped probe, nearly identical to Ranger-7, followed a Saturn-1 super rocket that orbited a giant bat-like meteorite satellite named Pegasus Tuesday. The Pegasus craft is sweeping around earth, measuring space dust particles that might endanger moonships.

Man On Moon In '70 Doubt

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Space agency chief James E. Webb conceded today that the United States may not be able to put a man on the moon by 1970 after all.

Webb said there still is a possibility that the goal can be achieved but only if the 15 scheduled preliminary test flights were reduced. He said there were indications that this could be done.

Webb discussed the Apollo moon program in testimony before the House Space Committee today on the \$5.2 billion that President Johnson requested for civilian space activities during the fiscal year starting July 1.

A 'War,' A Hunter's Right And A Sewer Pact

Court Hears Three Suits Against Middletown

Middletown Township was the center of attention yesterday in Bucks County Argument Court as three suits against the township were heard.

One case involved the "war" between Justices of the Peace Dominick C. Spadaccino and Stephen P. Nieskowski; the second, the agreement of the township to provide 600 sewer connections to the Neshaminy Interceptor; and the third, a hunter's right to hunt.

Can't Predict

Alan D. Williams, township solicitor, said he could not predict when the court would arrive at decisions.

Spadaccino filed his suit against Middletown's supervisors and Howard C. Shook, chief of police, protesting their decision to divide equally between the two JPs all cases involving motor vehicle violations.

The supervisors settled on the compromise after Spadaccino moved his offices to a location some 300 feet and almost directly across from Nieskowski's on Route 1.

'Unique Flow'

Spadaccino challenged the legality of convictions made by Nieskowski because of the necessity of passing Spadaccino's office to reach Nieskowski's, the result of what Williams described as a "tremendously unique traffic flow" from Routes 1 and 413. Strict interpretation of the code and relevant court decisions would give Spadaccino jurisdiction in 80 to 90 per cent of the township, Williams estimated.

Williams defended the township's decision on grounds that Spadaccino did not have the capacity to ask for court action which, properly, he said, should

be initiated by convicted motorists. He also pointed out Nieskowski was at the location before Spadaccino.

'Ministerial' Decisions

Harold Patton, arguing for Spadaccino, based his case on the alleged violation of the state motor vehicle code and distinguished between the separation of "ministerial" police functions, which he said are determined by law, and "discretionary" activities, such as where the police make their arrests. He argued that once an arrest was made the police had to follow the laws governing "ministerial" decisions.

Spadaccino was also one of five residents who brought suit against the township for entering in an agreement with the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority to provide 600 connections to the proposed Neshaminy Interceptor from the Parkland and Langhorne Terrace areas of Middletown.

Passed Last June

John Neal, attorney for the citizens, said an ordinance committing the township to the project was never passed or advertised. Both the decision to commit the township to the interceptor, passed last June, and the actual signing of the con-

tracts this month were resolutions, not ordinances, he said.

Williams countered by describing the suit as "prematuring." He argued that the suit was filed last summer and against the action taken last June, which needed only a resolution. He did say, however, the actual signing should be done by an ordinance.

Carcass of Crow

In the third case, John H. Wood Jr., representing Andrew E. Barniskis of Langhorne, told the court his client's conviction under a 1960 township ordinance was illegal because the ordinance

is superseded by state hunting laws and because the ordinance requires the consent of an owner of a 20-acre or larger tract before hunting is allowed.

Williams argued the ordinance was passed because the supervisors felt state regulations of hunting were inadequate for the township.

Barniskis was fined \$25 and \$9 in court costs last March when he was found with the carcass of a crow.

Hearing the cases were Bucks County President Judge Edward G. Biester Sr. and Judges John P. Fullam, Paul R. Beckert and Lawrence A. Monroe.

23 Years Police Experience

Phila. Captain May Be New Twp. Chief

By SCOOP LEWIS
Courier-Times Staff Writer

A Philadelphia police captain, with 23 years' experience, may be Bristol Township's next police chief.

He is Harry G. Merker Jr., 51, of Somerton, who is among the nearly 35 applicants seeking the job of heading Bucks County's biggest police department.

While township officials are keeping mum on the successor to John R. Stewart, who retired as chief on Jan. 20, Merker's name is being most prominently mentioned. The Philadelphia police training supervisor was among the guests at the testimonial dinner for Chief Stewart last week.

Bristol Township Manager Ronald Zweig today said close to 35 applications had been received for the job which carries an "open salary" although the board of commissioners has allocated \$10,000 in its 1965 budget for police chief. Stewart's salary was \$7,900.

Zweig said the applicants will be screened by a committee of five with possibly a half-dozen "real good" candidates being picked for later interviews. Applications closed Monday.

The screening committee comprises Dean Donal E. J. MacNamara of the New York Institute of Criminology, Bucks County District Attorney William J. Carlin, Justice of the

Peace Rene J. Tritschler, James N. Kline, president of the board of commissioners, and Zweig.

It was MacNamara who conducted a reorganization survey of the township police department and made many recommendations, including increasing the force to 70 men over the next five years. The police force today numbers 45 men.

LT. Richard Templeton has been acting chief since Jan. 1.

Merker, presently on special assignment in Deputy Commissioner Edward Bell's office, is supervisor of Philadelphia's police training program. His normal duties take in administering the Philadelphia Police Academy on State Road, Torresdale, where eight Bristol Township rookie officers are now undergoing seven weeks' training.

James McNamee is superintendent of the academy.

Merker was appointed to the Philadelphia police force on Jan. 1, 1942 and promoted to provisional sergeant in September, 1948. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1950 and two years later attained the rank of captain.

Merker and his wife, Violet, have one child, Harry G. 3rd, 16, a student at George Washington High School, Philadelphia.

Fox Job Appointment Recalled By Scranton

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Gov. William W. Scranton yesterday recalled the appointment of Joseph L. Fox, 58, to a \$10,000-a-year post as workmen's compensation referee.

Fox, a Republican ward leader, was one of two men freed Monday of shakedown charges brought by Stanley Worthington, Levittown contractor.

Magistrate E. David Keiser ruled the Commonwealth failed to establish a prima facie case against Fox and George Rickert, 59, Levittown, an auditor for the state Sales Tax Division here.

Deputy State Atty. Gen. Graeme Murdoch said he would seek the arrest of Fox and Rickert on bribery and conspiracy charges.

The arrest of the two men was made on Feb. 4 after

Worthington claimed Fox approached him with an offer to settle a \$10,000 sales and use tax bill for \$3,000. Police said Fox and Rickert accepted \$1,000 in marked bills at the state office building here.

After their arrests, Fox and Rickert were suspended from their jobs.

The governor's recall action was made in a brief message to the state Senate. Fox had been serving in the referee's post on an interim basis since August, 1963.

BOOM Breaks Slumber Barrier

A speed trap set for Friday by Bristol Borough police will come too late to nab today's early morning speeder.

From all indications he went past this area at more than 750 miles per hour at 6:50 a.m.

That's the rate of speed it takes to break the sound barrier and that is what jolted many Lower Bucks Countians awake and frightened many others when the supersonic boom shook the foundations of homes throughout the area.

It was also the reason why many people got to work on time for the first time this year. The motor vehicle speed trap is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, at Point St. and Route 13. The speed limit in that area is 40 mph.

Weather



GENERALLY FAIR

LOCAL FORECAST. Fair today, tonight and tomorrow, high both days in 40s, low tonight 30-35. Friday, partly cloudy with seasonable temperatures.

High yesterday: 45.
Low yesterday: 26.
Low this morning: 31.
Sunset tonight: 5:37 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:49 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 5:38 p.m.

Tomorrow's Tides

At Bristol*
High 4:45 a.m. Low 11:57 a.m.
High 5:06 p.m. Low —

*—for the tides at Morrisville, add 15 minutes for high tide and 45 minutes for low tide.

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New York, p.c.	48 31
Raleigh, c.	49 29
San Francisco, c.	60 51
Spokane, c.	40 37
Washington, c.	46 34
Wichita, c.	39 23

Panel Aids Subsidies

Private Schools Hear Warning On Controls

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI)—A member of a panel discussing dealing with the separation of church and state warned Tuesday there would be tighter federal control on the schools if private and parochial schools accept federal and state subsidies.

Paul B. Salmon, Covina, Calif., school district superintendent, addressing the convention of the American Association of School Administrators, said "one main fundamental issue in the separation of church and state is the traditional American right to choose, including the right to choose the school which you wish your children to attend."

"With this right to choose, goes the responsibility of being willing to pay the price to get this type of private or religious education," he said.

"Another basic issue, is the right to control, and when the public tax dollar goes to support something, the public should have the right to control the expenditures of that money."

Lewis Harris, executive director of the Ohio School Boards Association said that if tax funds are used to support non-public schools, this would

in effect, be double taxation.

Noted Catholic educator, Robert W. Strickler, associate professor and head of the Department of Education at Notre Dame University, Indiana, said "There is no diviciveness in the existence of the parochial school system. Take away the right of the parent to choose the particular school he desires for his child, and you have struck a blow at the very heart of American freedom."

He said the fact six million students are enrolled in parochial schools indicates the schools are desired by the "American people."

"I would argue from the principle of neutrality. State power is no more to be used to handicap religions than to favor them."

Maurice J. Thomas, professor of education at the University of Pittsburgh, Pa., said "American children should not be segregated on the basis of religion, and exposed to only one form of philosophy and belief."

He said parochial schools destroy "the cohesive element of our society, attendance in the public schools. No tax funds should go to build church schools."

He said Catholic students should return to the public school system.

Tail Lights Irk Horses

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Wanted: A tail light for horses that doesn't make the animal nervous and won't irritate his rump.

That's the problem facing San Francisco's mounted police today as the result of the discovery that state law requires such lights on any caravan. Since the mounted detail often travels in a group, police figure their horses qualify.

"The area on a horse where you need them is an odd place to put lights," said Sgt. Joe Galik, in charge of the detail, who noted that the animals have thus far thwarted all attempts.

"The next thing you know, we'll need directional signals," he sighed.

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"Old John" as he is affectionately called around the fire house and police station, has been around a long time. He is now 76. The younger people of both departments have heard many a tale swapped between Old John and Councilman William Bolton, who is 10 years his junior.

One of their stories concerned a walk across the Delaware some 50 years ago. The river appeared to be frozen solid. Just ahead of them a man was pushing a gram with a child in it. Suddenly the ice broke and the man, gram and baby disappeared.

Old John took off his overcoat and holding on to one sleeve pushed it across the ice to the man. With the help

of others nearby they saved both the man and his child. The gram was lost.

His room number is 4-F-8. His visitors are limited, and as he said yesterday, "I get awful lonely."

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By LARRY INCOLLINGO

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L. Bucks Residents Attend Annual Dinner In Trenton

By BEN McELVEEN
Courier-Times Staff Writer

A number of people from Lower Bucks attended last night's 96th annual dinner meeting of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce.

Turner Catledge, managing editor of the New York Times, was principal speaker. "A Salute to News Media" was the Chamber's program topic.

Among those attending from Lower Bucks were: David R. Johnson, president of the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Johnson; Warren Likens, executive vice president of the chamber, and Mrs. Likens; A. Maryn Moyer Jr., past president of the chamber, and Mrs. Moyer; and chamber members, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Tomlinson.

Arthur E. Hecht, retail advertising manager of the Courier-Times, sat at the speaker's platform with other guests.

Others attending included William R. Johnson, executive director, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, Morrisville, and Mrs. Johnson; Edward Brennan of Yardley, official of the Trenton Trust Co., and Jack Wellington, general manager of WBCB.

The Chamber presented its first "Retailer of the Year" award to Mrs. Anne Mifflin of Mifflin Pianos in Trenton. G. Alfred Hess, re-elected president of the chamber, presided during the affair held at the Stacy - Trenton.

John C. Murray Jr. was toastmaster, and entertainment was provided by two professional entertainers, Miss Lucille Smith, a singer, and comedian Ken Barry.

In Catledge's remarks, he commented on the growth of the communications media and the speed with which news must be conveyed to the reader.

In apologizing for the enormity of the Times, Catledge admitted, "We do print too much news for people who don't care—don't care about the world they

live in, or its people or their problems or their remarkable and often heroic achievements. And we don't print half enough news for people who do care about these things . . .

No Choice

"Keeping ourselves informed today is hardly a matter of choice however. It's a matter of sheer necessity. So much is happening in the world, in every field of human endeavor and happening so fast, and so personally to every one of us, we have to keep ourselves informed merely to exist, let alone to progress," Catledge said.

Catledge noted that the old truism, "We are living in the middle of a world revolution," is nevertheless true.

"The outstanding characteristic of this period in our revolution is the speed and explosiveness with which changes take place," he said.

Catledge termed current events in the media field as an "information explosion." It is "something none of us can escape, even if we wanted to," he said.

Catledge went on, "The more

mankind knows, the more each man as an individual must know in order to stay alive and compete in this life."

Catledge also cited a new trend in newspapering.

More Duty

"It is becoming more and more the duty of the newspaper these days to explain the meaning of what is happening. Not in terms of what we would like, but in terms of the cold facts as we find them.

"This is most vivid in our minds these days in world affairs. A great change has come about in the conduct of international life. Not only the quantity of information available makes a change. The very speed with which it is conveyed to us is vast and confusing.

"The pace of events is stepped up ten thousands fold by modern means of communication," Catledge said.

"Now a Viet-Cong attack in South Viet Nam is known in Washington within minutes. The decision is taken and U.S. planes strike back within hours," he said.

Develop Specialists

"For us at the Times," Catledge went on, "this means including more interpretation, more explanation of the complexities of the news — more news analysis. We've been forced to develop specialists."

In one other mention of Viet Nam, Catledge said, "Take this past week in Viet Nam. Nearly everyone got the facts. They were learned quickly from TV and radio news reports. What most Americans wanted to know was and is: What's likely to happen next? Is this apt to lead to World War III?"

In conclusion, Catledge said, "We of the American press don't know it all not even a small part of the things exploding around us. But we do have a commitment to those who read us to make life as understandable, as meaningful and as enjoyable as possible by reporting and explaining these things as best we can."

Rec Tumble Team Will Give Exhibit

Twenty-five members of the tumbling team sponsored by the Lower Makefield - Yardley Recreation Board will climax the fall and winter program at an exhibition on Friday.

Set at 2 p.m. before fourth, fifth and sixth grade students in the Quarry Hill Elementary School gymnasium, the event will highlight mat exercises and apparatus skills.

John T. Greb, a Pennsbury elementary physical education teacher at the Fairless Hills and Oxford Valley Schools, Fairless Hills, is the instructor for 50 boys and girls whose practice sessions are held Monday after school. He said pyramids, rings, ropes, rolls, runs, diving exercises and body building techniques will be included in the demonstration.

Robert Hagemann is president of the Lower Makefield-Yardley Recreation Board and Earl Murphy is program director. Sponsors are the Yardley and Lower Makefield School Boards, Yardley Borough Council and Lower Makefield Supervisors.

Rotary To See Rider Film

A film on Rider College, Trenton, called "Gateway To The Future" will be shown at a meeting of the Morrisville Rotary Club at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow at the Pennsbury Inn.

Walter Wahlen, director of college relations, will address the group and show the film which was produced in connection with the 100th anniversary of the college.

The film, in color with sound track, describes the history of the institution, leading up to what the college is today.

President J. Gordon White Sr. will preside during the business meeting. Don White is program chairman.

Holy Trinity PTA Slates Party



Members of the Holy Trinity PTA map plans for the annual card and novelty party to be held at the Holy Trinity School auditorium in Morrisville March 19. The committee consists of (seated, from left) Ed-

ward Deliman, PTA president; and Mrs. William Wilmot, co-chairman; and (standing) Mrs. Howard Fritsch, Mrs. Leroy Burns and Mrs. John Mitos. (Courier-Times Photo)

In L. Makefield

South African Visits Big Oak Moravian

A "Great Palaver" will be sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the Big Oak Moravian Church of Lower Makefield Saturday at 6 p.m.

An outgrowth of the group's Mission Study, this African Night at the church will feature a native dinner of jolof rice and banana sweet to be served by the Junior High Youth Fellowship. Folk songs and stories are also included in the program. Upon arrival, each person will be weighed-in and asked to pay his admission at a penny-per-pound.

Rev. Dan I. W. Wessels of Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, will be the guest for the evening. For the past 11 years, he has been a minister of the Moravian Church in South Africa. He is now studying at the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, under a grant from the Moravian Church in America supplemented by a special allotment from the Division of Interchurch Aid and World Service of the World Council of Churches.

Made Language Tapes

Rev. Wessels has prepared tape recordings in Afrikaans, one of the official languages of



REV. DAN WESSELS

South Africa and closely related to Dutch, for the Radio Voice of the Gospel, which is the Lutheran and broadcasting service in Africa and Southeast Asia. Active in the field of inter-church cooperation, he has also

worked toward improving race relations in South Africa.

After visits to Moravian churches in England, Holland and Germany, he will return to his rural parish in South Africa.

Mrs. Robert Buechler is chairman of the Great Palaver Committee, which is made up of Mrs. Willard Hawk, Mrs. Richard Day and Mrs. Frederick Ed-

wards.

At the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service to be conducted by the Women's Fellowship, Rev. Wessels will be the guest preacher. Mrs. Buechler will read the Epistle, Mrs. Hawk the Litany, and Mrs. Harold Knauss the Gospel. Mrs. Charles Duerr and Mrs. Thomas Backes will be ushers.

Local Dentist To Address PTA

Mrs. John Hillman, program chairman for the Morrisville PTA, has announced that Dr. William Mikvy, a dentist, will be the speaker for the regular meeting on Tuesday, at 8 p.m. in the Morrisville High School auditorium.

His topic will be "Physical Fitness — Essential to Good Learning."

Dr. Mikvy was a member of the All - American basketball team in 1950, while studying dentistry at Temple University. He also played professionally with the Philadelphia Warriors.

He has been a dentist for the past 10 years and until two years ago was a major in the U.S. Army. He now resides in Falls Township with his wife and two children and is practicing dentistry at his office on Makefield Road.

Mrs. Delbert Pinckard, president, will give the Founders Day tribute.

Mrs. John B. Hayes, ways and means chairman, has announced that a "Luncheon is Served" will be held on Monday, March 15, at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Morrisville Methodist Church.

'Let's Do This One In 3/4 Time'



Ross M. Wyre (left), band director from Philadelphia Public Schools, reviews the music score of a selection with students who will take part in the annual Bucks County Music Festival to be given at Charles H. Boehm High School in Lower Makefield at 8 p.m. March 6. They are (left to right) Dennis

Dutcavich and Louis Quattrocchi of Bristol; Joseph Quaranta of Delhaas; Lou Mancini of Bristol, and Steve Krantz of William Tennent High Schools. The festival will be sponsored by the Bucks County Music Education Association. (Courier-Times Photo)

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Scout Troop Holds Supper

Boy Scout Troop 85 of Morrisville was treated to a covered dish supper in celebration of Boy Scout Week this week during the 55th anniversary of scouting.

The supper was held in the American Legion Home on W. Bridge St. All members of the Scouts' families were invited.

Robert Meiss On Board Ship

Marine Private First Class Robert W. Meiss Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Meiss Sr., of 21 Houston Road, is serving aboard the United States' newest attack aircraft carrier USS America, as a member of the ship's Marine Detachment. Homeported at Norfolk, Va., the America has joined the Second Fleet in the Atlantic.

The Marine Detachment is responsible for the ship's internal security, in addition to providing personnel for honor guards.

The committee, which planned the affair under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alan Mannon, included Mrs. Harry Cade, Mrs. George Schnell and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Served As Hostess
Members of Girl Scout Troop 648 under their leader, Mrs. William McLaughlin, served as junior hostesses. They were Carol McLaughlin, Sandra Tribbey, Judy Smith, Marlene To-tin and Susan Bryce.

The Boy Scouts held an impressive candle lighting ceremony. The following achievement awards were made: Patrick Sullivan, star scout; Douglas Bercham, first class scout; and Alan Mannon Jr., second class scout.

Francis De Michele, chairman of the troop committee, announced that future plans formulated by the committee included: a trip to Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, a week of camping at Camp Ochanick and a family picnic in the summer.

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